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SUBJ: PRESIDENT ORDERS WITHDRAWAL PEACE CORPS FROM CHAD IF

USG INSISTS ON WITHDRAWAL PCVS FROM FAYA LARGEAU

REF: NDJAMENA 2950

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS NANASBAYE TELEPHONED ME AT HOME AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL TO SAY THAT HE HAD OCCASION THIS EVENING TO SEE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL PRESIDENT (SMC) AND CHIEF OF STATE MALPEM, AND THAT HE HAD BROUGHT UP WITH PRESIDENT EMBASSY NOTE GIVEN HIM THIS MORNING ON SUBJECT WITHDRAWAL PCVS FROM FAYA LARGEAU (REFTEL). ACCORDING NANASBAYE, PRESIDENT MALLOUM READ NOTE WITH UNHAPPINESS ("PAS DU TOUT CONTENT") AND ORDERED NANASBAYE TELEPHONE ME IMMEDIATELY TO CONVEY HIS DECISION THAT IF USG IS TO WITHDRAW TWO PCVS FROM FAYA LARGEAU IT MUST WITHDRAW ALL PCVS FROM CHAD. NANASBAYE, APOLOGETICALLY, STATED THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN TO PRESIDENT VALUE OF WORK PEACE CORPS PERFORMING ALL OVER CHAD, BUT THAT HE CUT SHORT BY PRESIDENT WHO REFUSED TO LISTEN AND WHO AGAIN ORDERED HIM PASS MESSAGE TO ME. I EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT AT PRESIDENT'S REACTION BUT SAID I WOULD CONVEY IT PROMPTLY TO WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENT: WILL SUBMIT EMB RECOMMENDATIONS EARLY NOV 19

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AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH COUNTRY TEAM. MY THOUGHT AT MOMENT

IS TO SEEK MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MALLOUM TO PRESENT USG CASE PERSONALLY BUT NOT NECESSARILY IMMEDIATELY. MALLOUM'S DECISION, IF NANASBAYE'S REPORTING FULLY ACCURATE, WAS IMPETUOUS AND TAKEN BY HIMSELF ALONE. WE SHOULD GIVE HIM ONE OR TWO DAYS TO LISTEN TO OTHER, MORE RATIONAL COUNSEL BEFORE SEEKING MEETING WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE SERVE TO SOLIDIFY ORIGINAL HASTY DECISION.DWYER

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